5. Senior Officers at the State level and the Cabinet Secretariat at the Central Government level are monitoring the implementation of the schemes of assistance to ensure that no one affected by the riots is left out and the schemes are implemented properly and in an objective manner.

Search Operations at IAF Station, Aya Nagar

*149. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI:

DR.T.SUBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an internal inquiry has been ordered to investigate the exact sequence of events that led to an alert and extensive search operation regarding four armed persons reportedly seen moving around the Indian Air Force Station in Aya Nagar, Delhi on 2nd June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the security in IAF Stations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Shri Ganpat, a civilian, reported sighting four armed personnel at Air Force Station, Aya Nagar during the night of 2nd June, 2002. Subsequently, extensive research operations, inquiries/investigations were conducted by the police as well as the Indian Air Force in order to ascertain the truth. However, despite extensive combing operations lasting full night the reported intruders could not be apprehended.

From the joint investigation carried out by civil police and the IAF the probable conclusion is that the message/report of Shri Ganpat was not authentic and there was no intrusion.

Security around all Air Force Stations has been tightened in liaison with the civil police. All entry/exit points are manned effectively and vital areas and installations guarded. Patrolling around and outside the Air Force Stations is carried out by civil police and all movements of strangers monitored.

Adequate steps have been taken to strengthen and improve the security around Air Force Stations. However, details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.

*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.